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Foreign Investment in Power Sector
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting on energy was held with Australian executives during their recent visit;

(b) if so, the details thereof and issues discussed therein;

(c) whether India and Australia have formed a sub-group in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which India is likely to get cheaper gas from Australia for its power plants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : Australian executives have not made any recent visit for a meeting on energy issues with the Ministry of Power. However, as part of the discussions held in the context of India-Australia Energy Security Dialogue in Australia, a round table discussion on LNG purchase and trends was held in Brisbane on 8th February, 2016, during which various aspects relating to LNG, including energy scenario, gas market in India and gas sourcing, including from Australia were discussed. Representatives from Indian and Australian Governments and industry participated in the round table. During the discussions, there was a suggestion to constitute a sub-group on LNG production and trade comprising of representatives of governments and industry which is not finalized.

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